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FOR INFORMATION ON HEALTH AND WELFARE OF RUSSELL MEANS

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1. I HAVE READ REFTEL WITH A SENSE OF DEEP UNEASINESS.
THE FOUR YEAR SENTENCE FOR RUSSELL MEANS SEEMS
EXTRAORDINARILY HARSH IF IN FACT IT RELATES TO THE
INDIANS REFUSING TO STAND WHEN THE JUDGE WALKED INTO THE
ROOM AND THAT THE LAW UNDER WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED
HAS SINCE BEEN REPEALED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE. I
RECALL READING RECENTLY THAT THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH
DAKOTA WAS NAMED BY PRESIDENT CARTER AS AN AMBASSADOR
N SOUTHEAST ASIA. IF HE HAS NOT RESIGNED AS YET TO ASSUME
HIS DIPLOMATIC DUTIES IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF
APPEALING FOR A PARDON SO THAT THE OUTSTANDING LEGAL
PROBLEMS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS ON THE AMERICAN INDIANS
ARE NOT SHADOWED AND DISTORTED BY THE INCARCERATION OF
RUSSELL MEANS. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE POSITION OF THE
DEPT OF JUSTICE IS SOUND BUT IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF
REACHING SENATORS MCGOVERN AND ABOUREZK AS WELL AS THE
GOVERNOR OF SOUTH DAKOTA? I WOULD BE WILLING TO WRITE A
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PERSONAL CABLE TO ANY OR ALL OF THEM DETAILING THE
INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS INSOFAR AS THEY ARE FEASIBLE
FROM THE VANTAGE POINT OF GENEVA AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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